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*League of Southeastern
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**LSCU Honors Florida Congressman Gus Bilirakis
as 2021 Federal Lawmaker of the Year**

TALLAHASSEE, FL – In December of 2021, the League of Southeastern Credit Unions (LSCU) Board of Directors met to approve strategic plans for 2022 and discuss a number of other business items.

Included in items for discussion were 2021 lawmakers of the year. During the nomination and approval process, lawmaker's contributions to, and support for, credit unions were discussed at length.

The Federal Advocacy Policy Committee voted to nominate Congressman Gus Bilirakis (FL-12) as the 2021 Federal Lawmaker of the Year, which was later approved by the LSCU Board of Directors. He was formally honored last week in Washington, D.C.



“As Ranking Member of the Consumer Protection and Commerce Subcommittee, Congressman Bilirakis introduced the *Integrity, Notification, and Fairness in Online Retail Marketplaces for Consumers Act*, which would significantly increase data security and protect credit unions and consumers from organized retail crime,” stated Patrick La Pine, CEO of LSCU & Affiliates. “We are incredibly grateful for the Congressman’s leadership to protect Florida’s financial institutions from cyber attacks as well as unnecessary regulatory burden.”

As LSCU fought the proposed IRS reporting requirement, Congressman Bilirakis remained adamantly opposed to the proposal from beginning to end, signing on to multiple letters publicly denouncing the legislation.

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